



Iowa's Mortuary Operational Response Team

- The mission of the IMORT is to provide identification services and care for decedents in a mass fatality event.
- The IMORT is a partnership between IDPH, the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner, and other governmental, professional, and private businesses in Iowa.
- IMORT members come from all corners of the state and have diverse backgrounds. Membership consists of forensic pathologists, medical examiners, funeral directors, forensic specialists, medical death investigators, and law enforcement.

IMORT Capabilities

- IMORT works closely with law enforcement agencies to identify, preserve and collect evidence that will aid in determining cause and manner of death.
- Members use GPS, photography and other technology to document a decedent's location and other pertinent information for future scene reconstruction.
- Teams recover and process remains in a respectful and dignified manner at all times. Remains will be returned to families as soon as possible.
- IMORT members assist survivors in obtaining family assistance and crisis intervention services following an incident.

Volunteer Requirements

- Volunteers filling positions requiring current certification or licensure must maintain the ability to practice in Iowa.
- Volunteers should be willing and able to deploy anywhere in the state for 24 to 96 hours.
- The IMORT requires training related to its unique activities. Additional trainings may be required for specific IMORT positions.
- All IMORT members are required to have taken the following basic trainings:
 - IS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 - IS 700: Introduction to National Incident Management System
 - Hazmat Awareness or Basic Disaster Life Support
- IDPH coordinates regularly scheduled required team meetings.

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